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## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **Catalytic Direct Cross-Coupling of Organolithium Compounds with Aryl chlorides**

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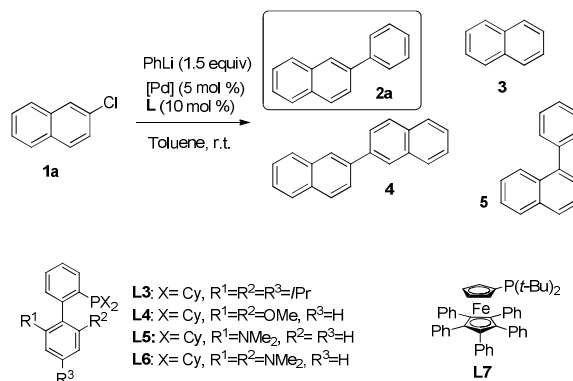
## General methods:

All reactions were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere using oven dried glassware and using standard Schlenk techniques. THF and toluene were dried and distilled over sodium.  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$ , SPhos, XPhos, DavePhos, CPhos, Qphos,  $\text{P}^t(\text{Bu})_3$ ,  $\text{PCy}_3$  and Pd-PEPPSI-Ipent were purchased from Aldrich and used without further purification.  $n\text{-BuLi}$  (1.6 M solution in hexane) and  $\text{PhLi}$  (1.8 M solution in dibutylether) were purchased from Acros. ThienylLi (1.0 M in THF/hexane),  $^{tert}\text{BuLi}$  (1.7 M in pentane) and the compounds used as precursor for the preparation of lithium reagents, namely furan, 1-bromo-2,3-dimethyl-benzene, 1-bromo-2-methoxybenzene and 1-bromo-2-(methoxymethoxy)benzene were purchased from Aldrich. All the chlorides were commercially available and were purchased from TCI Europe N.V. with the exception of 1-chloro-4-methoxybenzene (Aldrich). Organolithium reagents other than the aforementioned were prepared according to described procedures (see below).

Chromatography: Merck silica gel type 9385 230-400 mesh, TLC: Merck silica gel 60, 0.25 mm. Components were visualized by UV and cerium/molybdenum or potassium permanganate staining. Progress and conversion of the reaction were determined by GC-MS (GC, HP6890; MS HP5973) with an HP1 or HP5 column (Agilent Technologies, Palo Alto, CA). Mass spectra were recorded on an AEI-MS-902 mass spectrometer (EI+) or a LTQ Orbitrap XL (ESI+).  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR were recorded on a Varian AMX400 (400 and 100.59 MHz, respectively) using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as solvent. Chemical shift values are reported in ppm with the solvent resonance as the internal standard ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ :  $\delta$  7.26 for  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $\delta$  77.0 for  $^{13}\text{C}$ ). Data are reported as follows: chemical shifts, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, br = broad, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz), and integration. Carbon assignments are based on APT  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR experiments.

## Optimization Study: Additional Data

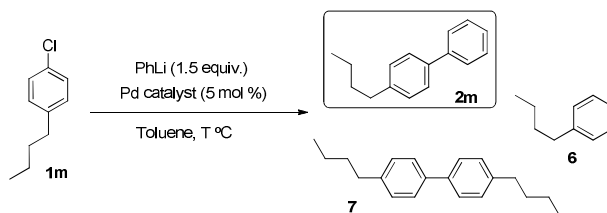
Table S1. Additional optimization data of the reaction between 1a and PhLi



entry <sup>a</sup>	[Pd]	Ligand	Conv. (%)	<b>2a:3:4:5<sup>b</sup></b>
1	<b>Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>L4,SPhos</b>	55	51:0:0:4
2	<b>Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>L5,DavePhos</b>	58	48:0:0:11
3	<b>Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>L6,CPhos</b>	79	68:0:0:11
4	<b>Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>L7,QPhos</b>	42	32:0:0:10

<sup>a</sup>Conditions:  $\text{PhLi}$  (0.45 mmol, 1.8 M solution in dibutyl ether diluted with THF to a final concentration of 0.6 M) was added to a solution of 2-chloronaphthalene (0.3 mmol) in toluene (2 mL unless otherwise noted). <sup>b</sup>**2a:3:4:5** ratios determined by GC analysis. <sup>c</sup>7.5 mol% was used. <sup>d</sup>In 1 mL of toluene. dba = dibenzylideneacetone.

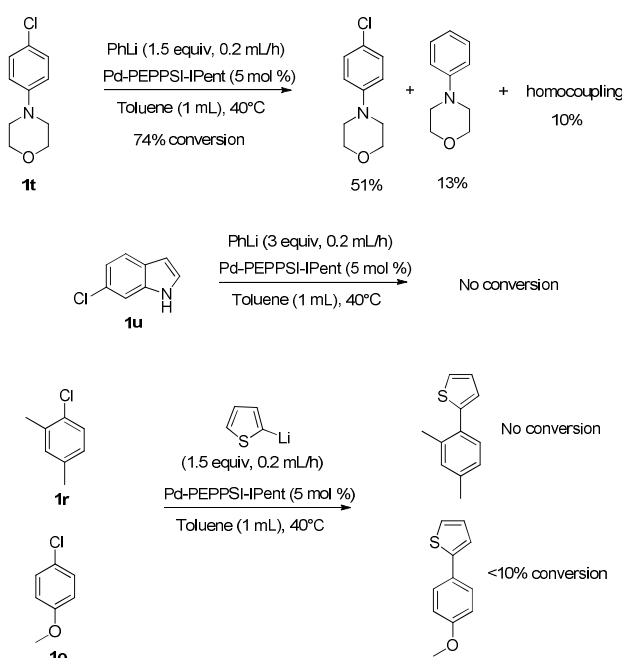
**Table S2. Additional optimization data of the reaction between 1m and PhLi**



entry <sup>a</sup>	[Pd]	T °C	PhLi flow-rate (mL/h)	Conv. (%)	2m:6:7 <sup>b</sup>
1	<b>Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub>/L3</b>	50	1	76	70:<1:6
2	<b>Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub>/L3</b>	50	0.33	Full	88:<1:12
3	<b>Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub>/L3</b>	35	0.33	64	61:<1:<3
4	<b>Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub>/L3</b>	40	0.33	82	77:<1:5
5	<b>Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub>/L3</b>	45	0.33	80	70:4:6
6 <sup>c</sup>	<b>Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub>/L3</b>	40	0.33	96	86:2:8
7 <sup>c,d</sup>	<b>Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub>/L3</b>	40	0.2	Full	89:3:8
8 <sup>c</sup>	<b>Pd-PEPPSI-IPent</b>	40	0.2	Full	90:4:6
9 <sup>c</sup>	<b>Pd-PEPPSI-IPent</b>	30	0.2	90	81:5:4

<sup>a</sup>Conditions: Phenyllithium (1.8 M solution in dibutyl ether diluted with THF to a final concentration of 0.6M) was added to a solution of 1-butyl-4-chlorobenzene (0.3 mmol) in toluene (2 mL unless otherwise noted). <sup>b</sup>2m:6:7 ratios determined by GC-analysis. <sup>c</sup>In 1 mL of toluene. <sup>d</sup>Phenyllithium was diluted with toluene (instead of THF) to reach 0.6 M concentration. dba, dibenzylideneacetone.

**Scheme S1. Pd-catalyzed cross-coupling of aryl lithium reagents with deactivated aryl chlorides: Scope Limitations**



The Pd-catalyzed cross-coupling with aryl lithium reagents did not proceed efficiently when very deactivated aryl chlorides were used. The reaction between 4-(4-chlorophenyl)morpholine **1t** and PhLi led to low conversion and a mixture of products while the use of 6-chloroindole **1u** gave no reaction. Although it was used efficiently in the Pd-catalyzed cross-coupling with activated aryl chlorides, the less reactive thienyl lithium could not be coupled with deactivated and hindered aryl chlorides.

## General procedures for the cross-coupling of aryl lithium reagents with aryl chlorides

### Catalytic system A:

In a dry Schlenk flask Pd-PEPPSI-IPent (5 mol%, 0.015 mmol, 11.9 mg) and the substrate (0.3 mmol) were dissolved in 1 mL of dry toluene and the solution was stirred at the indicated temperature. The corresponding lithium reagent (1.5 equiv) was diluted with THF to reach the concentration of 0.6 M; this solution was slowly added with the indicated flow rate by the use of a syringe pump. After the addition was completed a saturated aqueous solution of  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  was added and the mixture was extracted with ether (3 x 5 mL). The organic phases were combined and dried with anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure afforded the crude product that was then purified by column chromatography.

Note: Thienyllithium (1.5 equiv) was diluted with toluene to reach a concentration of 0.6 M and TMEDA (1.5 equiv) was added. The resulting solution was slowly added with a flow rate of 0.5 mL/h to the reaction mixture warmed at 40 °C.

### Catalytic system B:

In a dry Schlenk flask  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$  (2.5 mol%, 0.0075 mmol, 6.87 mg) and XPhos (10 mol%, 0.03 mmol, 14.3 mg) were dissolved in toluene, the substrate (0.3 mmol) was added and the solution stirred at the indicated temperature. The corresponding lithium reagent (1.5 equiv) was diluted with THF to reach a concentration of 0.6 M; this solution was slowly added with the indicated flow rate by the use of a syringe pump. After the addition was completed a saturated solution of aqueous  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  was added and the mixture was extracted with ether (3 x 5 mL). The organic phases were combined and dried with anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure afforded the crude product that was then purified by column chromatography.

## Preparation of organolithium reagents:

### A. 2,3-Dimethyl-phenyllithium and 2-Methoxy-phenyllithium

In a dry Schlenk flask the corresponding aryl bromide (1.8 mmol) was dissolved in dry THF (0.9 mL) and the solution was cooled down to -78 °C.  $t\text{BuLi}$  (2 equiv) was added slowly and the solution was stirred for 1 h. Then the solution was allowed to reach room temperature.

### B. Furyllithium<sup>1</sup>

Furan (9.0 mmol, 612.6 mg, 654.5  $\mu\text{l}$ ) was dissolved in THF (4.5 mL) and the solution was cooled down to -40 °C.  $n\text{BuLi}$  (8.5 mmol) was added slowly. Then the solution was allowed to reach room temperature, stirred for 3 h and diluted with 4.4 mL of THF to reach a final concentration of 0.6M.

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<sup>1</sup> Raczko, J.; Golebiowski, A.; Krajewski, J. W.; Gluzinski, P.; Jurczak, J. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1990**, 31, 3797.

### C. 2-Methoxymethoxy-phenyllithium<sup>2</sup>

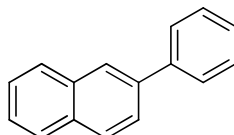
In a dry Schlenk flask (methoxymethoxy)benzene (1.0 mmol, 138 mg) was dissolved in dry THF (3 mL) and the solution was cooled down to -78 °C. <sup>t</sup>BuLi (1 equiv) was added slowly and the solution was stirred for 1 h. Then the solution was allowed to reach room temperature.

### D. 2-Methoxy-1-naphthyllithium

In a dry Schlenk flask 1-bromo-2-methoxynaphthalene (1.8 mmol, 427 mg) was dissolved in dry THF (0.9 mL) and slowly added (flow rate: 8 ml/h) to a solution of <sup>n</sup>BuLi (1.6 M in hexane, 1.05 equiv.) at -10 °C. The solution was then stirred for 30 min. and allowed to reach room temperature. The solution was diluted with 1 ml of toluene to reach a final concentration of 0.6M.

### Data of Compounds 2a-2s, 10

Physical data for known compounds were identical in all respects to those previously reported (references are given).



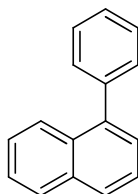
### 2-Phenylnaphthalene (2a):<sup>3</sup>

CAS Registry Number: 612-94-2.

Synthesized using catalytic systems A and B with 2-chloronaphthalene (0.3 mmol, 49 mg) and 225 µL of PhLi (1.8 M solution in dibutylether) diluted with 500 µL of THF.

**Catalytic system A:** Reaction carried out at room temperature. Flow rate of PhLi solution = 0.5 mL/h. White solid obtained after column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, *n*-pentane/EtOAc 100:1), 54 mg, 88% yield.

**Catalytic system B:** Reaction carried out at room temperature in 2 mL of toluene. Flow rate of PhLi solution = 1 mL/h. White solid obtained after column chromatography, 57 mg, 93% yield.



### 1-Phenylnaphthalene (2b):<sup>4</sup>

CAS Registry Number: 605-02-7

Synthesized using catalytic systems A and B with 1-chloronaphthalene (0.3 mmol, 49 mg) and 225 µL of PhLi (1.8 M solution in dibutylether) diluted with 500 µL of THF.

<sup>2</sup> Vo, C. T.; Mitchell, T. A.; Bode, J. W. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2011**, *133*, 14082.

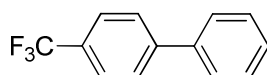
<sup>3</sup> Giannerini, M.; Fañanás-Mastral, M.; Feringa, B. L. *Nature Chem.* **2013**, doi:10.1038/nchem.1678.

<sup>4</sup> (a) Katakoa, N.; Shelby, Q.; Stambuli, J.P.; Hartwig, J.F. *J. Org. Chem.* **2002**, *67*, 5553.

**Catalytic system A:** Reaction carried out at room temperature. Flow rate of PhLi solution = 0.5 mL/h. White solid obtained after column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, *n*-pentane/EtOAc 100:1), 56 mg, 91% yield.

**Catalytic system B:** Reaction carried out at room temperature in 2 mL of toluene. Flow rate of PhLi solution = 1 mL/h. White solid obtained after column chromatography, 60 mg, 98% yield.

The reaction performed with 10 mmol (1.63 g) of substrate in the presence of 1 mol% of Pd<sub>2</sub>dba<sub>3</sub> and 4 mol% of **L3** afforded product **2b** in 92% yield. Toluene = 30 mL. PhLi (8.3 mL, 1.8 M solution in dibutylether) diluted with 16.6 mL of THF. Flow rate of PhLi solution = 3 mL/h.



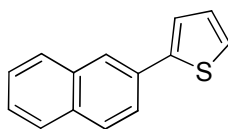
**4-(Trifluoromethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (2c):**<sup>5</sup>

CAS Registry Number: 398-36-7

Synthesized using catalytic systems A and B with 1-chloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (0.3 mmol, 54 mg) and 225  $\mu$ L of PhLi (1.8 M solution in dibutylether) diluted with 500  $\mu$ L of THF.

**Catalytic system A:** Reaction carried out at room temperature. Flow rate of PhLi solution = 0.5 mL/h. White solid obtained after column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, *n*-pentane/Et<sub>2</sub>O 100:1), 59 mg, 89% yield.

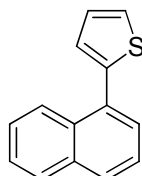
**Catalytic system B:** Reaction carried out at room temperature in 2 mL of toluene. Flow rate of PhLi solution = 1 mL/h. White solid obtained after column chromatography, 63 mg, 95% yield.



**2-(Naphthalen-2-yl)thiophene (2d):**<sup>6</sup>

CAS Registry Number: 16939-09-6

Synthesized using catalytic systems A with 2-chloronaphthalene (0.3 mmol, 49 mg) and 750  $\mu$ L of thienyllithium (0.6M). White solid obtained after column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, *n*-pentane/ EtOAc 100:1), 52 mg, 82% yield.



**2-(Naphthalen-1-yl)thiophene (2e):**<sup>7</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Guha, N. R.; Reddy, C. B.; Aggarwal, N.; Sharma, D.; Shil, A. K.; Das, B. P. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2012**, 354, 2911.

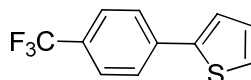
<sup>6</sup> Bolliger, J. L.; Frech, C. M.. *Adv. Synth. Cat.* **2010**, 352, 1075.

<sup>7</sup> Cahiez, G.; Moyeux, A.; Gager, O.; Poizat, M. *Adv. Synth. Cat.* **2013**, 355, 790



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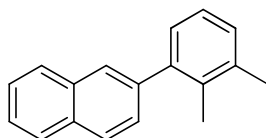
Synthesized using catalytic systems A with 1-chloronaphthalene (0.3 mmol, 49 mg) and 750  $\mu$ L of thienyllithium (0.6M). Colorless oil obtained after column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , *n*-pentane/ EtOAc 100:1), 55 mg, 87% yield.



**2-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thiophene (2f):**<sup>8</sup>

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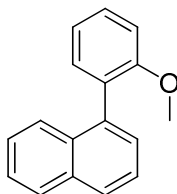
Synthesized using catalytic systems A with 1-chloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (0.3 mmol, 54 mg) and 750  $\mu$ L of thienyllithium (0.6M). White solid obtained after column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , *n*-pentane/ EtOAc 100:1), 57 mg, 83% yield.



**2-(2,3-Dimethylphenyl)naphthalene (2g):**<sup>9</sup>

CAS Registry Number: 382151-52-2.

Synthesized using catalytic systems B with 2-chloronaphthalene (0.3 mmol, 49 mg) and 725  $\mu$ L of 2,3-dimethyl-phenyllithium (0.6M). Reaction carried out at room temperature in 2 mL of toluene. Flow rate of 2,3-dimethyl-phenyllithium solution = 1 mL/h. White solid obtained after column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , *n*-pentane/ EtOAc 100:1), 62 mg, 89% yield.



**1-(2-Methoxyphenyl)naphthalene (2h):**<sup>10</sup>

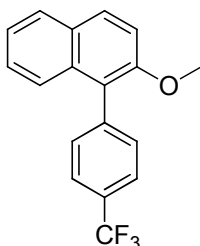
CAS Registry Number: 93321-11-0.

Synthesized using catalytic systems A with 1-chloronaphthalene (0.3 mmol, 49 mg) and 725  $\mu$ L of 2-methoxy-phenyllithium (0.6M). Reaction carried out at room temperature. Flow rate of PhLi solution = 0.5 mL/h. White solid obtained after column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , *n*-pentane/ EtOAc 100:1), 59 mg, 84% yield.

<sup>8</sup> Shi, S.; Zhang, Y.; *Green Chem.* **2008**, *10*, 868.

<sup>9</sup> Yonehara, F.; Kido, Y.; Sugimoto, H.; Morita, S.; Yamaguchi, M. *J. Org. Chem.* **2003**, *68*, 6752.

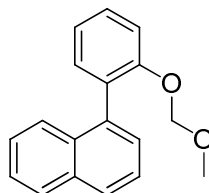
<sup>10</sup> Song, C.; Ma, Y.; Chai, Q.; Ma, C.; Jiang, W.; Andrus, M. B. *Tetrahedron* **2005**, *61*, 7438–7446.



**2-Methoxy-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)naphthalene (2i):**<sup>11</sup>

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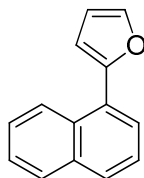
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**1-(2-(methoxymethoxy)phenyl)naphthalene (2j):**<sup>12</sup>

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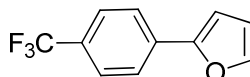
Synthesized using catalytic systems A with 1-chloronaphthalene (0.3 mmol, 49 mg) and 1500  $\mu$ L of 2-Methoxy-phenyllithium (0.3M). Reaction carried out at room temperature. Flow rate of PhLi solution = 0.5 mL/h. Waxy solid obtained after column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, *n*-pentane/ EtOAc 100:2), 66 mg, 83% yield.



**2-(Naphthalen-1-yl)furan (2k):**<sup>13</sup>

CAS Registry Number: 51792-32-6.

Synthesized using catalytic systems A with 1-chloronaphthalene (0.3 mmol, 49 mg) and 725  $\mu$ L of furyllithium (0.6M). Pale yellow oil obtained after column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, *n*-pentane/ EtOAc 100:1), 56 mg, 96% yield.



**2-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)furan (2l):**<sup>14</sup>

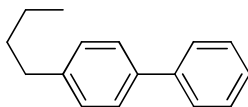
<sup>11</sup> Li, H.; Wu, Y.; Yan, W. *J. Organomet. Chem.* **2006**, 691, 5688.

<sup>12</sup> Wawrzyniak, P.; Heinicke, J. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2006**, 47, 8921.

<sup>13</sup> Molander, G. A.; Beaumard, F. *Org. Lett.* **2010**, 12, 4022.

CAS Registry Number: 214463-10-2.

Synthesized using catalytic systems A with 1-chloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (0.3 mmol, 54 mg) and 725  $\mu$ L of furyllithium (0.6M). White solid obtained after column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , *n*-pentane/ EtOAc 100:1), 49 mg, 77% yield.



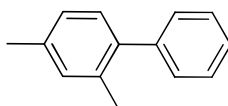
**4-Butyl-1,1'-biphenyl (2m):**<sup>15</sup>

CAS Registry Number: 37909-95-8.

Synthesized using catalytic systems A and B with 1-butyl-4-chlorobenzene (0.3 mmol, 51 mg) and 225  $\mu$ L of PhLi (1.8 M solution in dibutylether) diluted with 500  $\mu$ L of THF.

**Catalytic system A:** Reaction carried out at 35°C. Flow rate of PhLi solution = 0.2 mL/h. White solid obtained after column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , *n*-pentane/ EtOAc 100:1), 54 mg, 86% yield.

**Catalytic system B:** Reaction carried out at 40°C in 1 mL of toluene. Flow rate of PhLi solution = 0.2 mL/h. Colorless oil obtained after column chromatography, 53 mg, 84% yield.

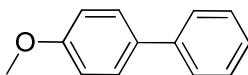


**2,4-Dimethyl-1,1'-biphenyl (2n):**<sup>16</sup>

CAS Registry Number: 4433-10-7.

Synthesized using catalytic systems A and B with 1-chloro-2,4-dimethylbenzene (0.3 mmol, 42 mg) and 225  $\mu$ L of PhLi (1.8 M solution in dibutylether) diluted with 500  $\mu$ L of THF. **Catalytic system A:** Reaction carried out at 35°C. Flow rate of PhLi solution = 0.2 mL/h. White solid obtained after column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , *n*-pentane/ EtOAc 100:1), 44 mg, 80% yield.

**Catalytic system B:** Reaction carried out at 40°C in 1 mL of toluene. Flow rate of PhLi solution = 0.2 mL/h. Colorless oil obtained after column chromatography, 45 mg, 82% yield.



**4-Methoxybiphenyl (2o):**<sup>3</sup>

CAS Registry Number: 613-37-6.

Synthesized using catalytic systems A and B with 1-chloro-4-methoxybenzene (0.3 mmol, 43 mg) and 225  $\mu$ L of PhLi (1.8 M solution in dibutylether) diluted with 500  $\mu$ L of THF. **Catalytic system A:** Reaction carried out at 40°C. Flow rate of PhLi solution =

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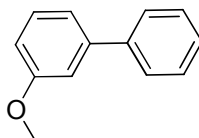
<sup>14</sup> Denmark, S. E.; Baird, J. D. *Org. Lett.* **2006**, 8, 793.

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0.2 mL/h. White solid obtained after column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, *n*-pentane/ EtOAc 100:1), 52 mg, 94% yield.

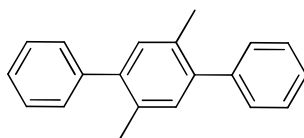
**Catalytic system B:** Reaction carried out at 40°C in 1 mL of toluene. Flow rate of PhLi solution = 0.2 mL/h. Colorless oil obtained after column chromatography, 34 mg, 62% yield.



**3-Methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (2p).**<sup>17</sup>

CAS Registry Number: 2113-56-6.

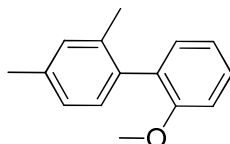
Synthesized using catalytic systems A with 1-chloro-3-methoxybenzene (0.3 mmol, 43 mg) and 225 µL of PhLi (1.8 M solution in dibutylether) diluted with 500 µL of THF. Reaction carried out at 40°C. Flow rate of PhLi solution = 0.2 mL/h. Colorless oil obtained after column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, *n*-pentane/ EtOAc 100:1), 42 mg, 76% yield.



**2',5'-Dimethyl-*p*-terphenyl (2q).**<sup>18</sup>

CAS Registry Number: 20260-22-4.

Synthesized using catalytic systems A with 1-chloro-4-methoxybenzene (0.3 mmol, 53 mg) and 500 µL of PhLi (1.8 M solution in dibutylether) diluted with 1.5 mL of THF. Reaction carried out at 40°C. Flow rate of PhLi solution = 0.2 mL/h. Colorless oil obtained after column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, *n*-pentane/ EtOAc 100:1), 62 mg, 80% yield.

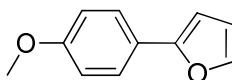


**2'-Methoxy-2,4-dimethyl-1,1'-biphenyl (2r).**

Synthesized using catalytic systems A with 2,4-dimethylbenzene (0.3 mmol, 42 mg) and 725 µL of 2-methoxy-phenyllithium (0.6M). Reaction carried out at 35°C. Flow rate of PhLi solution = 0.2 mL/h. Colorless oil obtained after column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, *n*-pentane/ EtOAc 100:1), 55 mg, 86% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.38 (td, *J* = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.99 – 7.20 (m, 6H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 156.7, 136.9, 136.6, 135.7, 131.2, 130.8, 130.5, 130.0, 128.4, 126.3, 120.4, 110.6, 55.4, 21.2, 19.9 ppm. EI-MS *m/z* (%) 212 (100).

<sup>17</sup> Mino, T.; Shirae, Y.; Sakamoto, M.; Fujita, T. *J. Org. Chem.* **2005**, *70*, 2191.

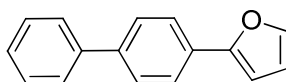
<sup>18</sup> K.-Nezhad, A.; Panahi, F. *J. Organomet. Chem.* **2012**, *717*, 146.



**2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)furan (2s):**<sup>19</sup>

CAS Registry Number: 17113-31-4.

Synthesized using catalytic systems A with 1-chloro-4-methoxybenzene (0.3 mmol, 43 mg) and 725  $\mu\text{L}$  of furyllithium (0.6M). White solid obtained after column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , *n*-pentane/ EtOAc 100:2), 51 mg, 80% yield.



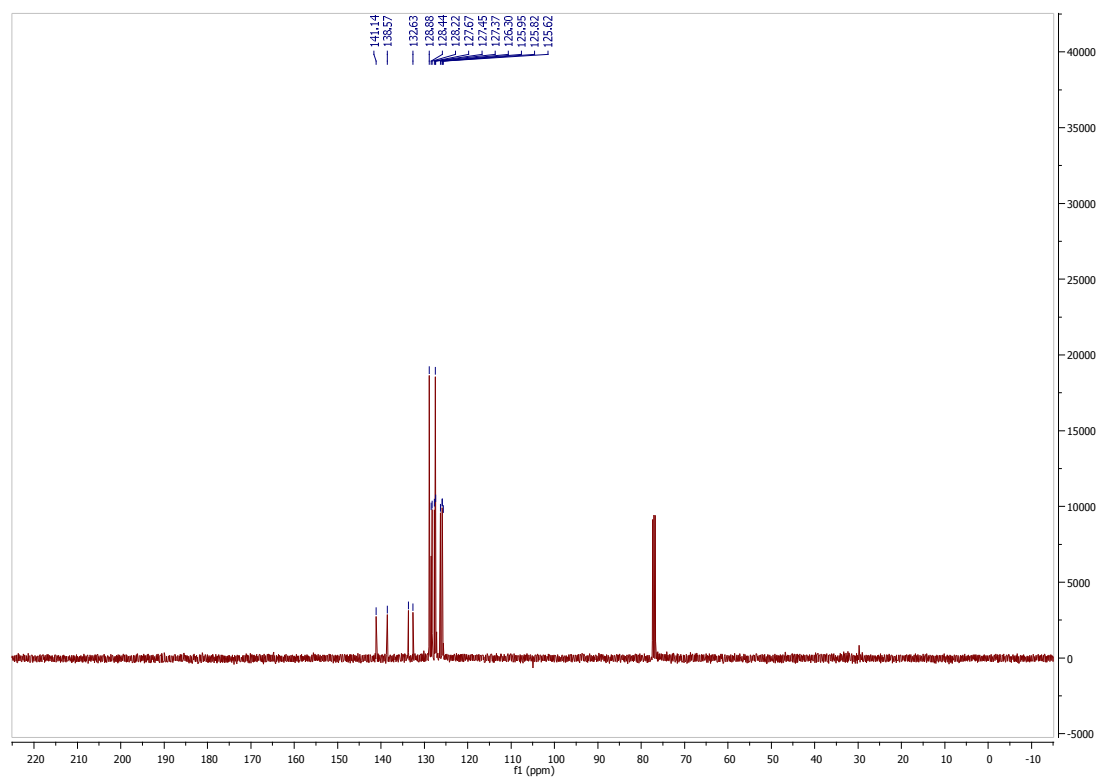
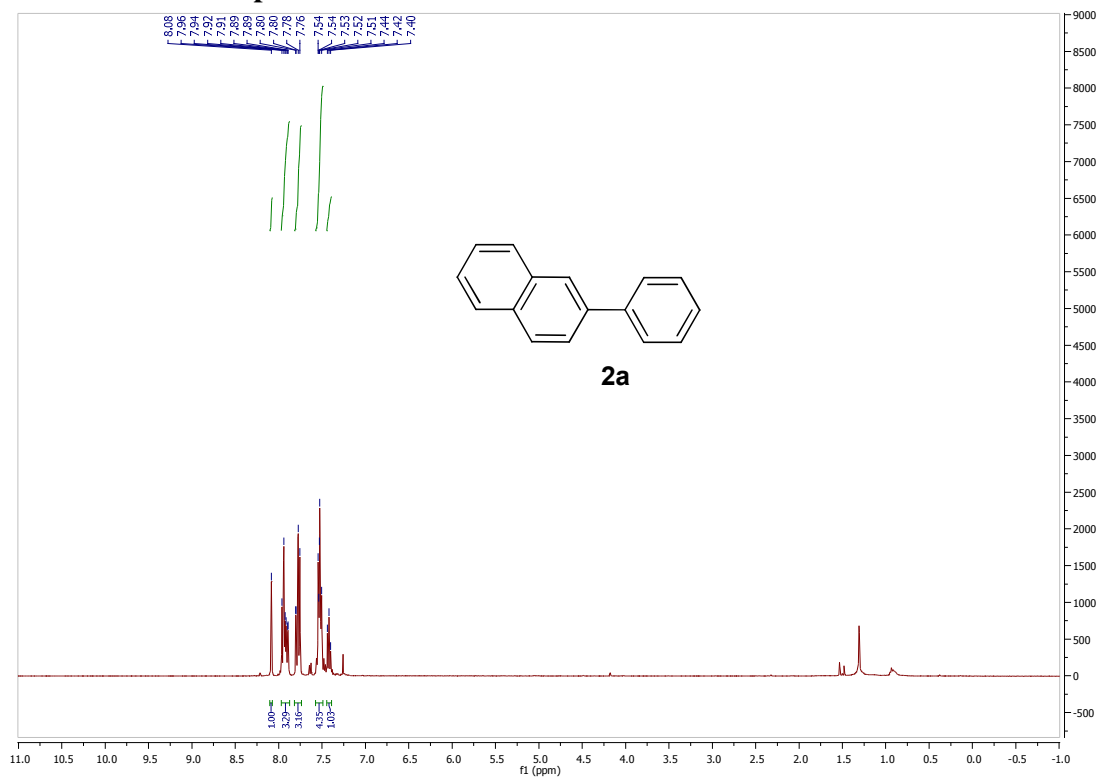
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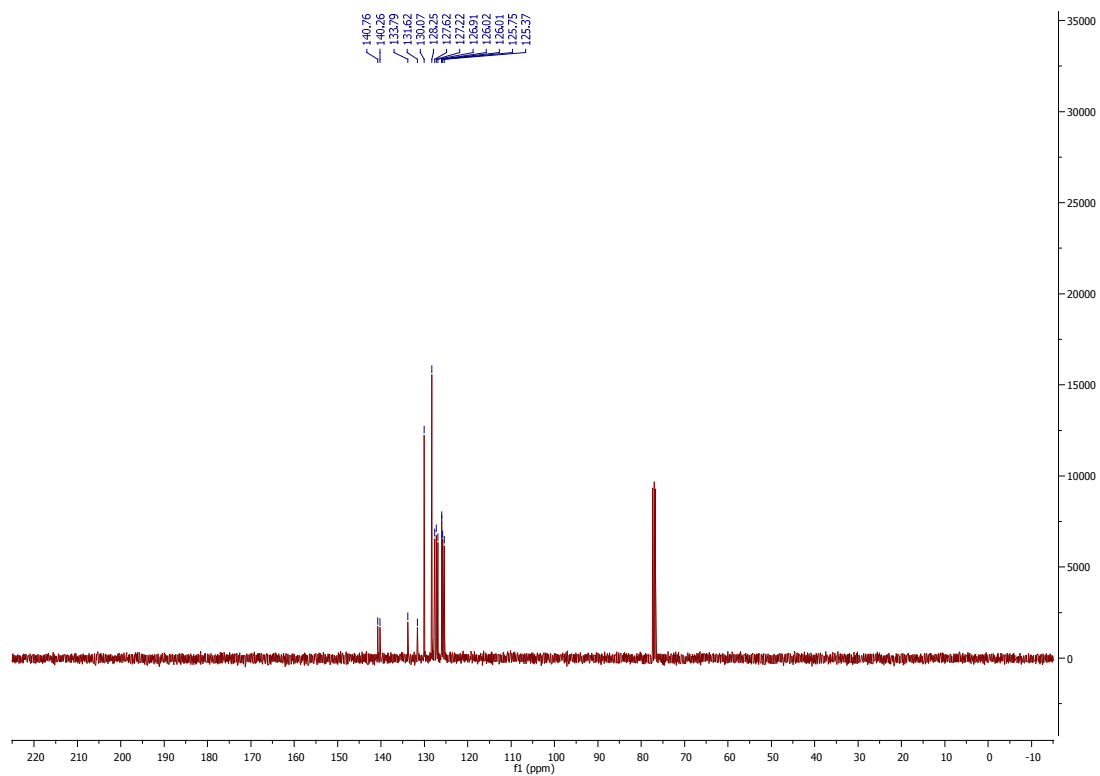
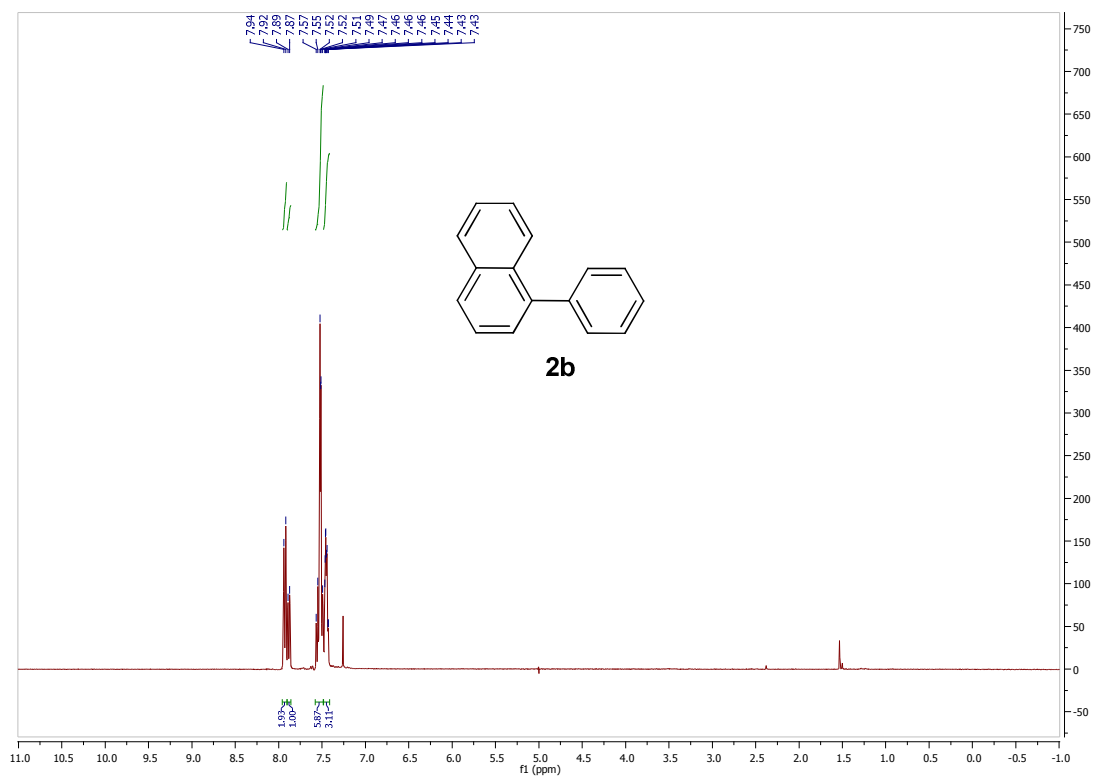
Synthesized using catalytic systems A with **9** (0.3 mmol, 57 mg) and 725  $\mu\text{L}$  of furyllithium (0.6M). White solid obtained after column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , *n*-pentane), 59 mg, 90% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.78 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.69 – 7.62 (m, 4H), 7.52 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d,  $J$  = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (dd,  $J$  = 3.3, 1.7, Hz 1H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.8, 142.2, 140.6, 140.0, 129.9, 128.8, 127.4, 126.9, 124.2, 111.8, 105.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI+,  $m/z$ ): calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 221.09609; found: 221.09511.

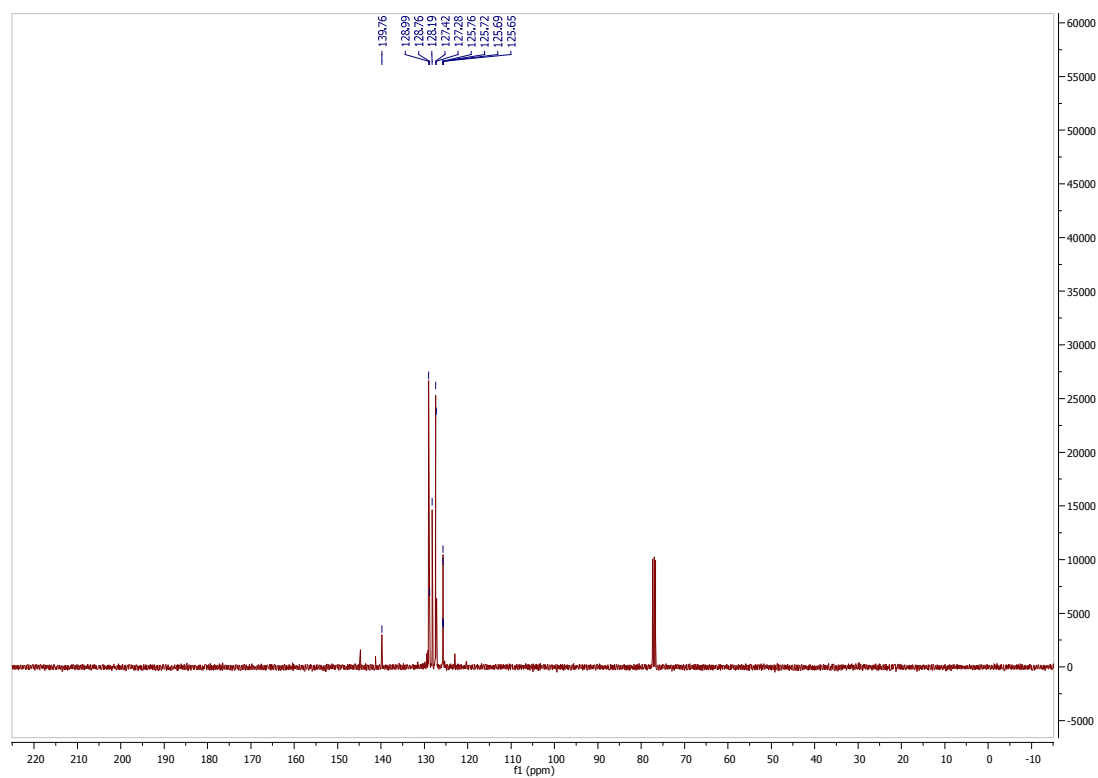
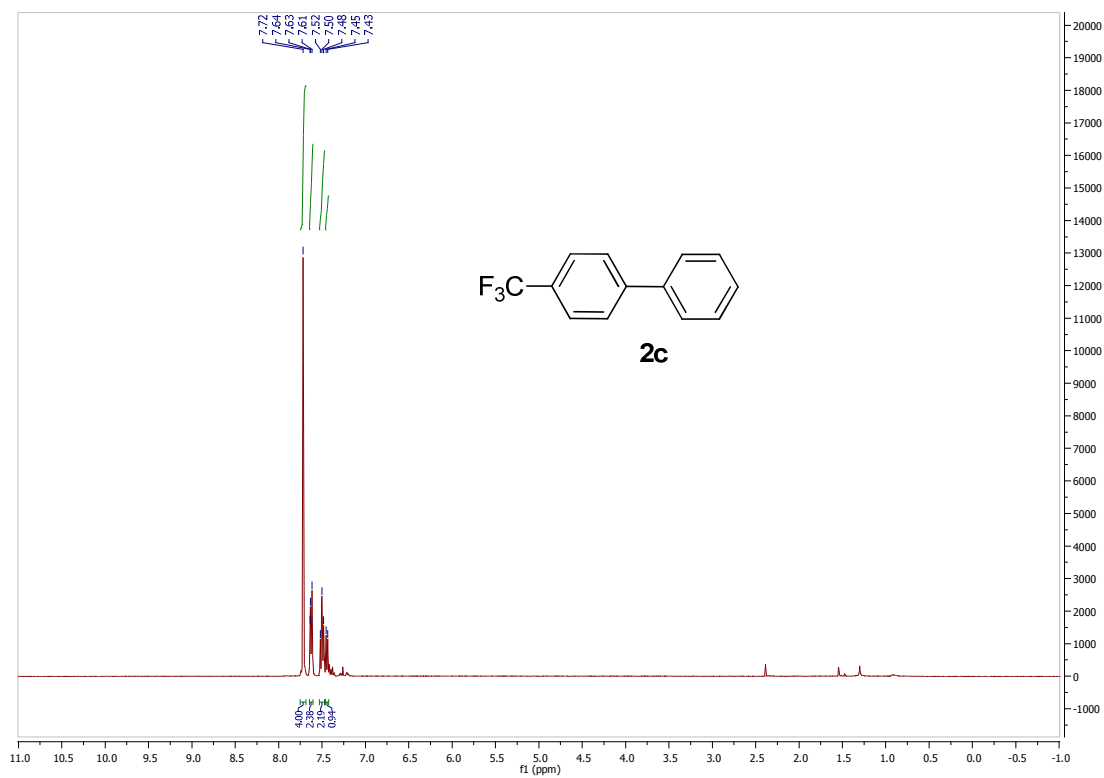
<sup>19</sup> Naber, J. R.; Buchwald, S. L. *Adv. Synth. Cat.*, **2008**, 350, 957.

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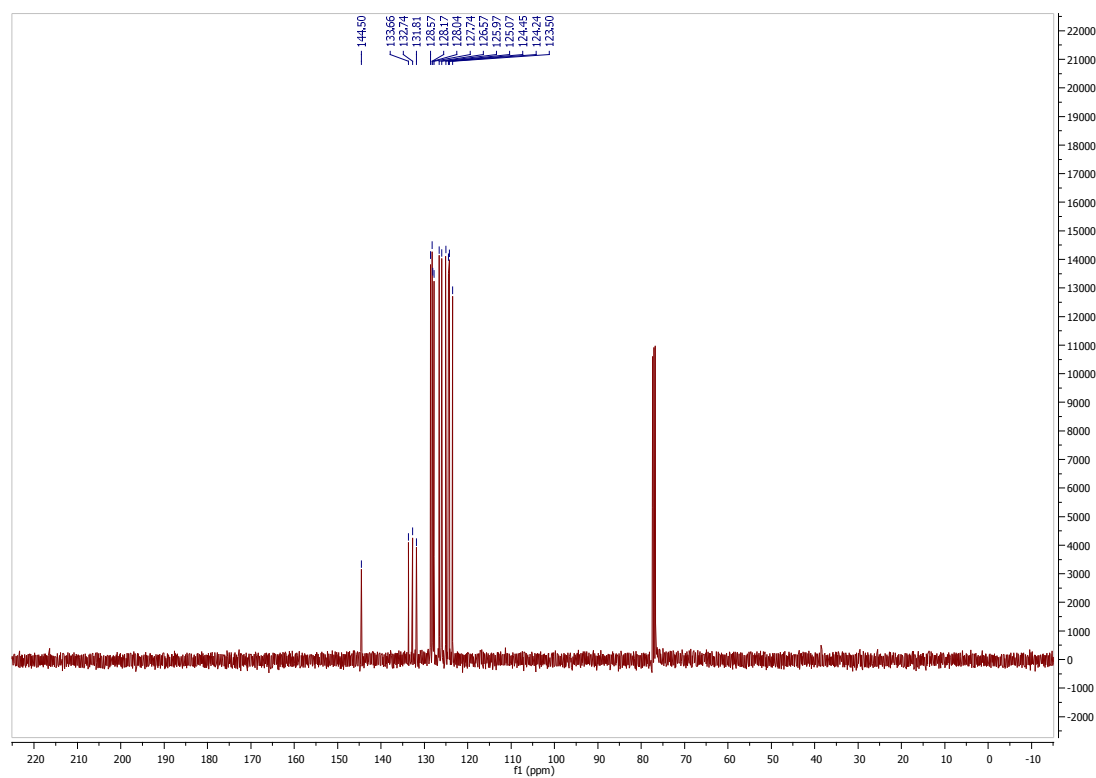
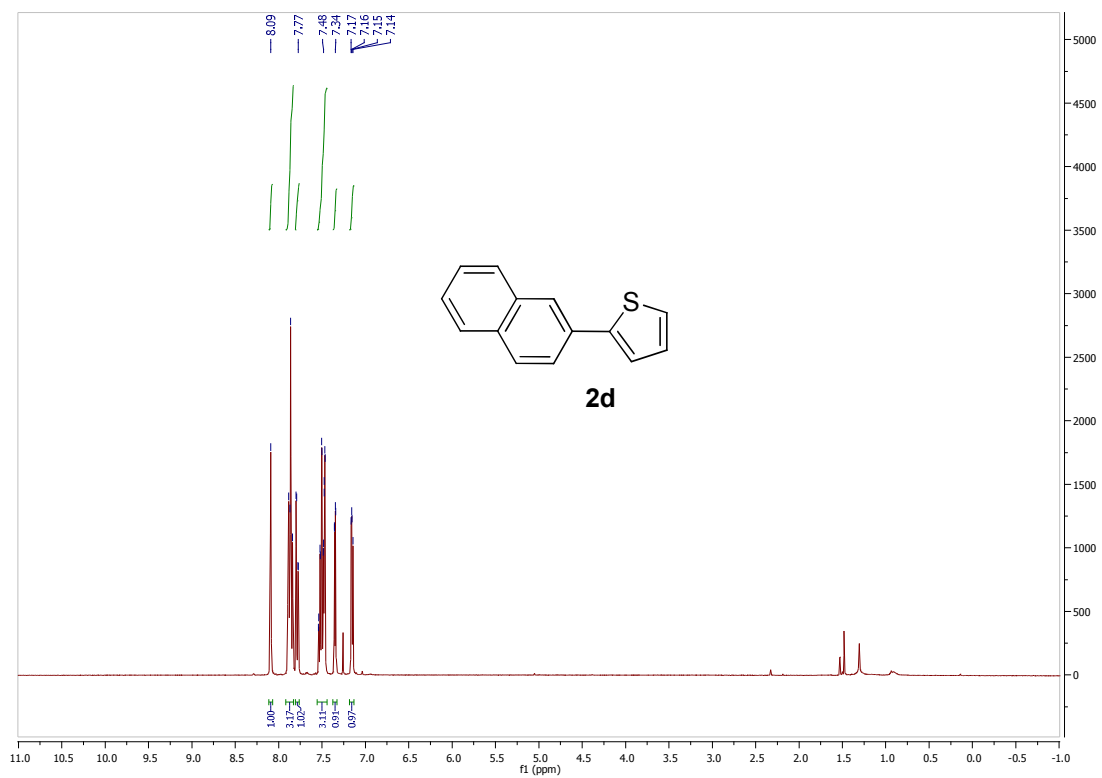
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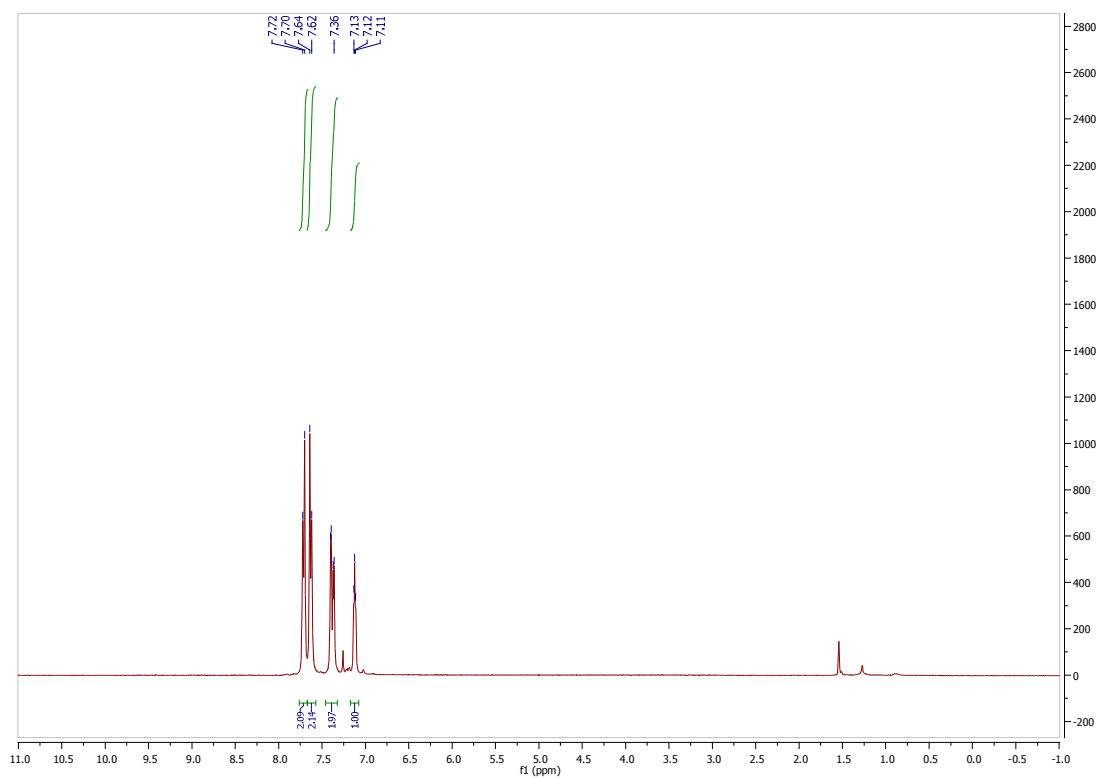
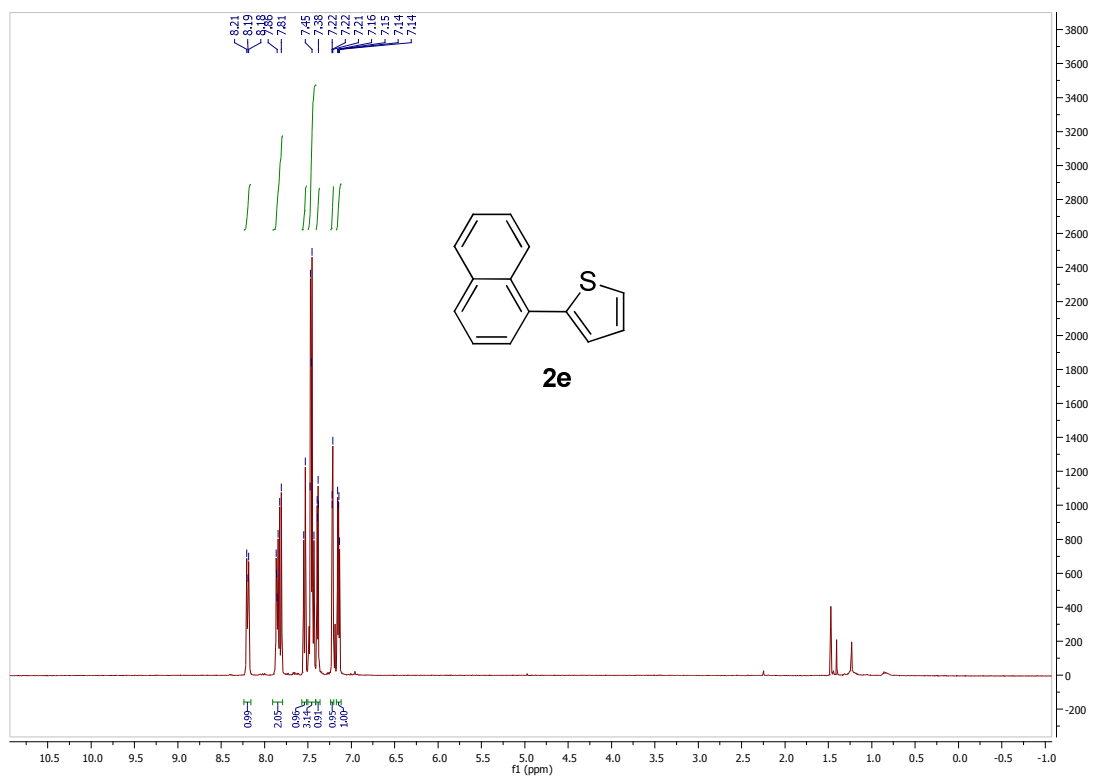


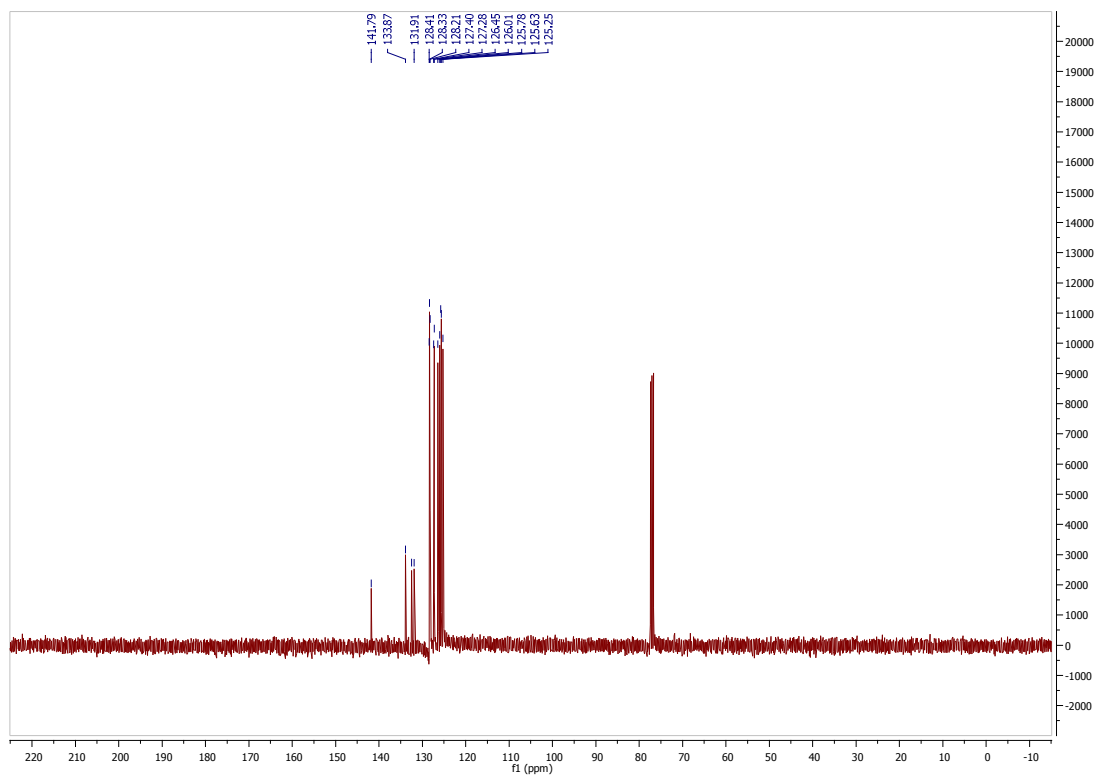
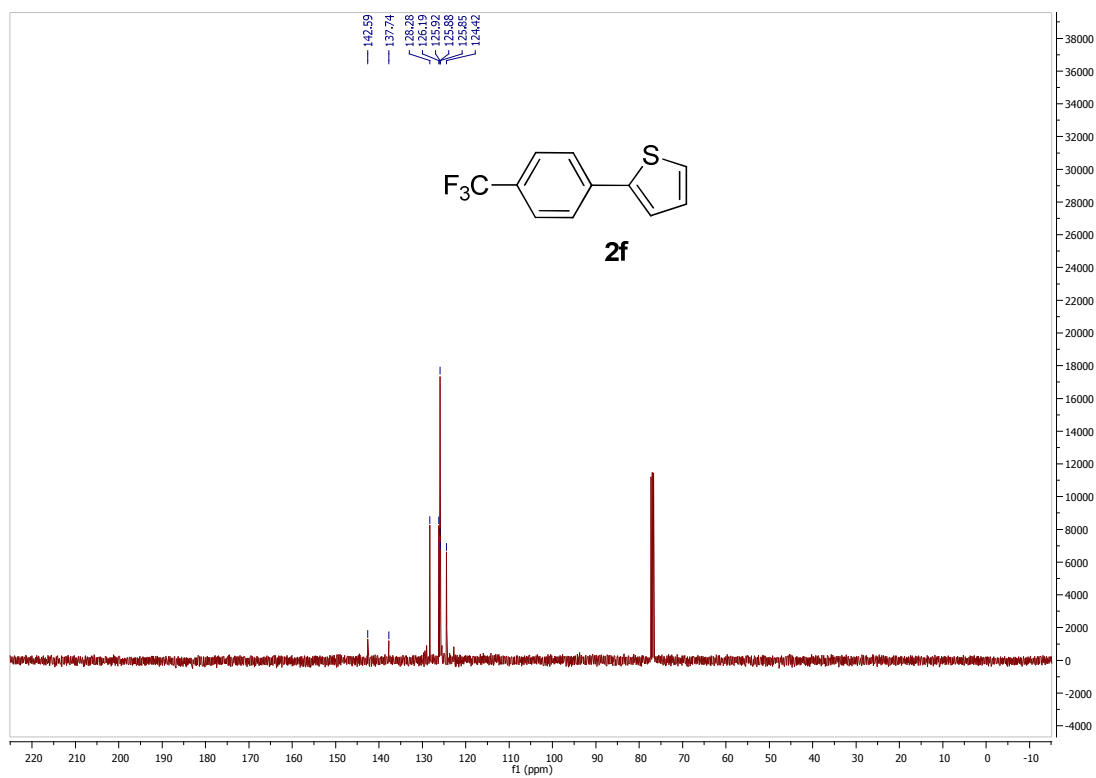


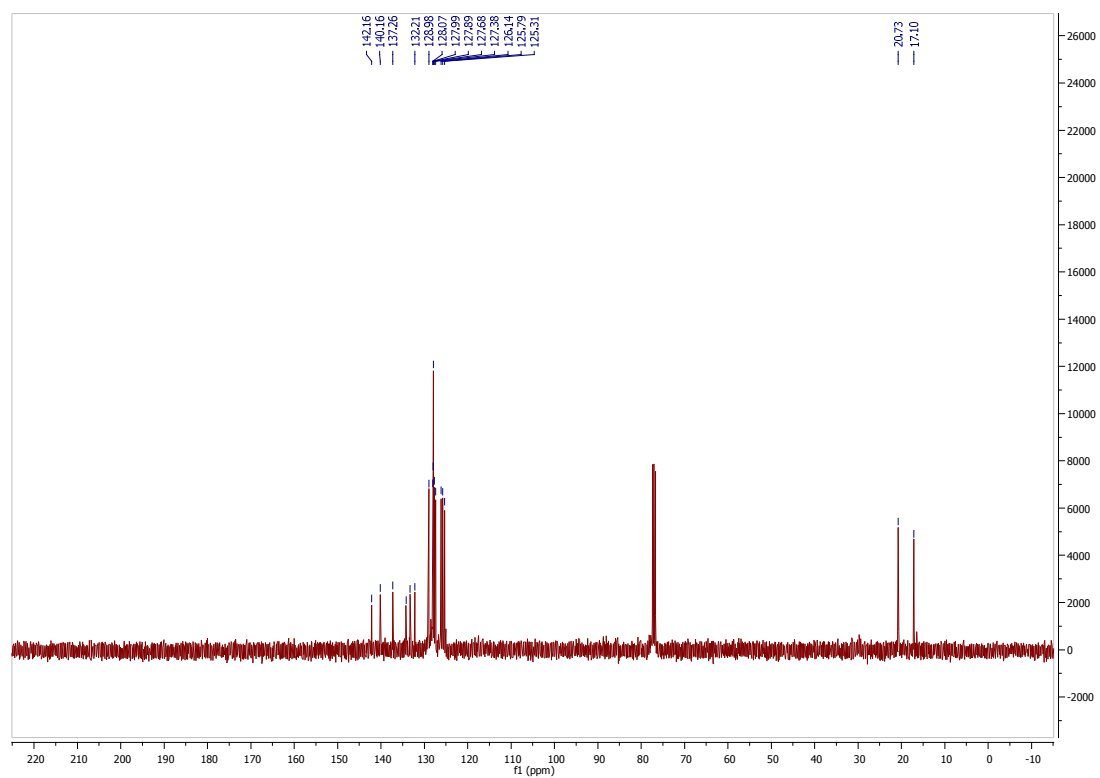
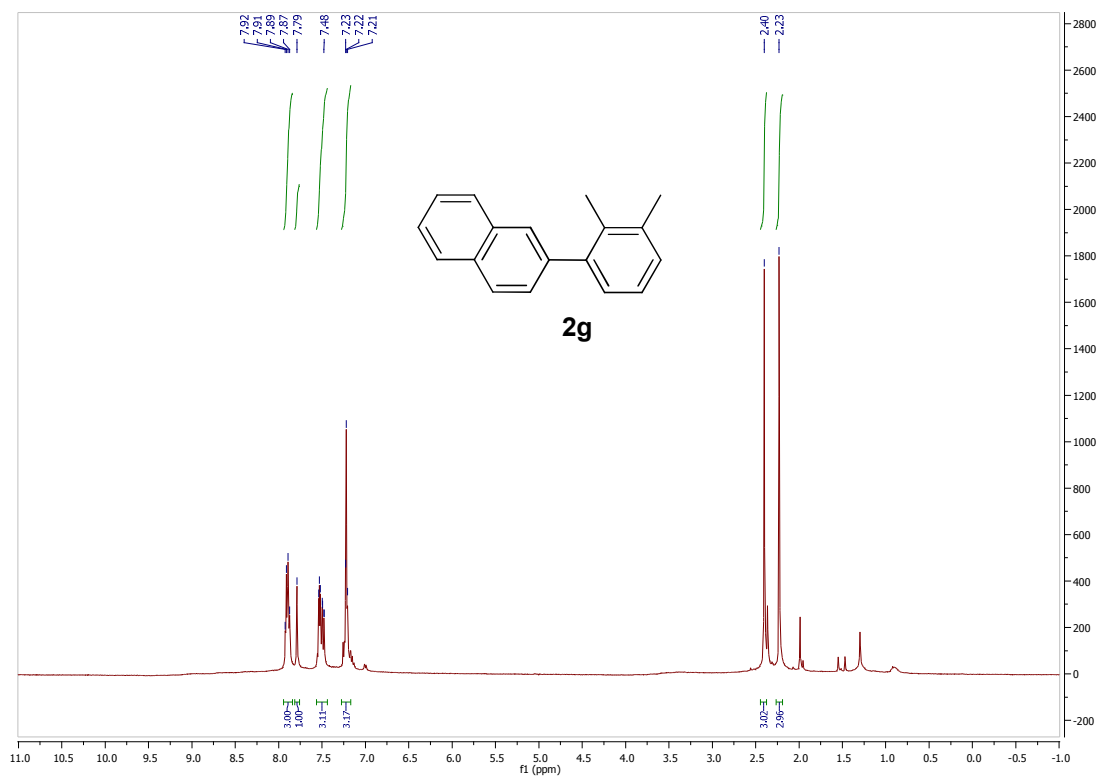


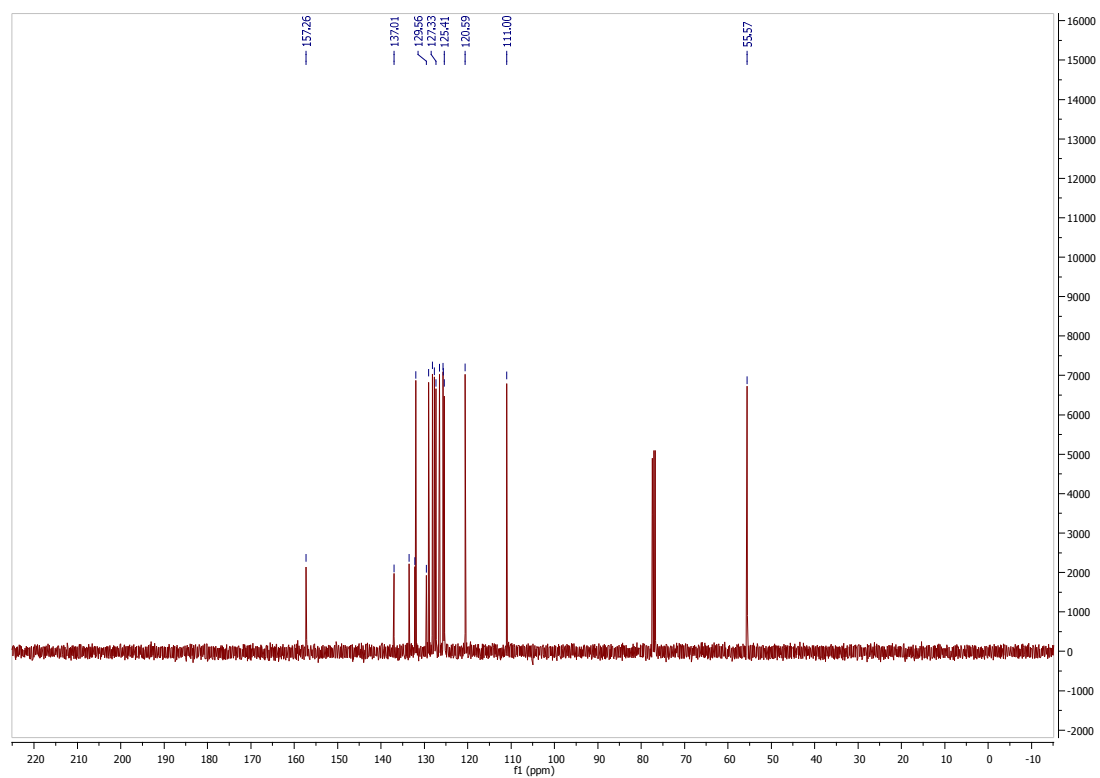
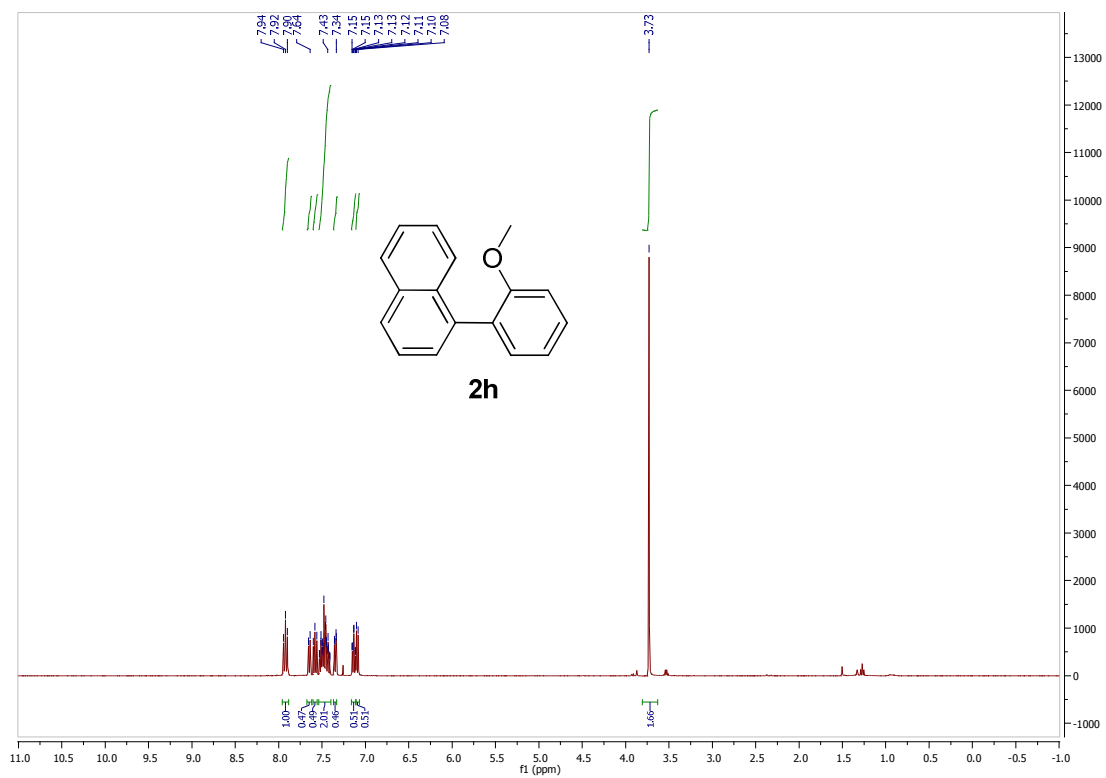


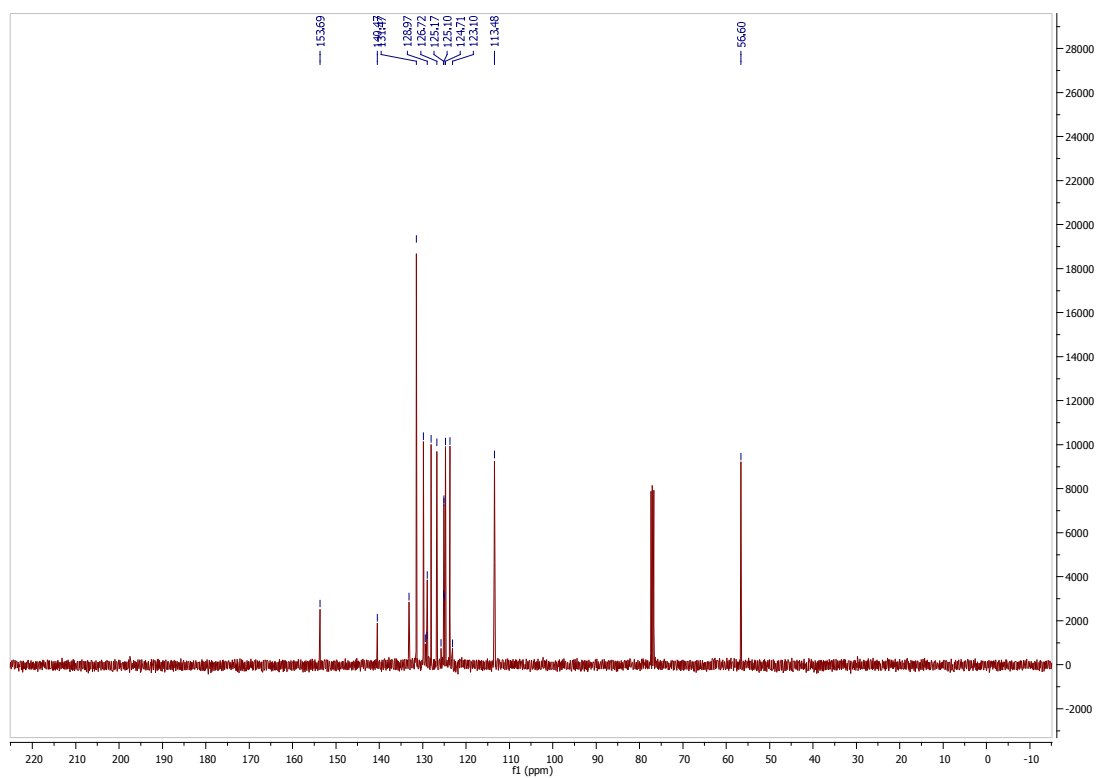
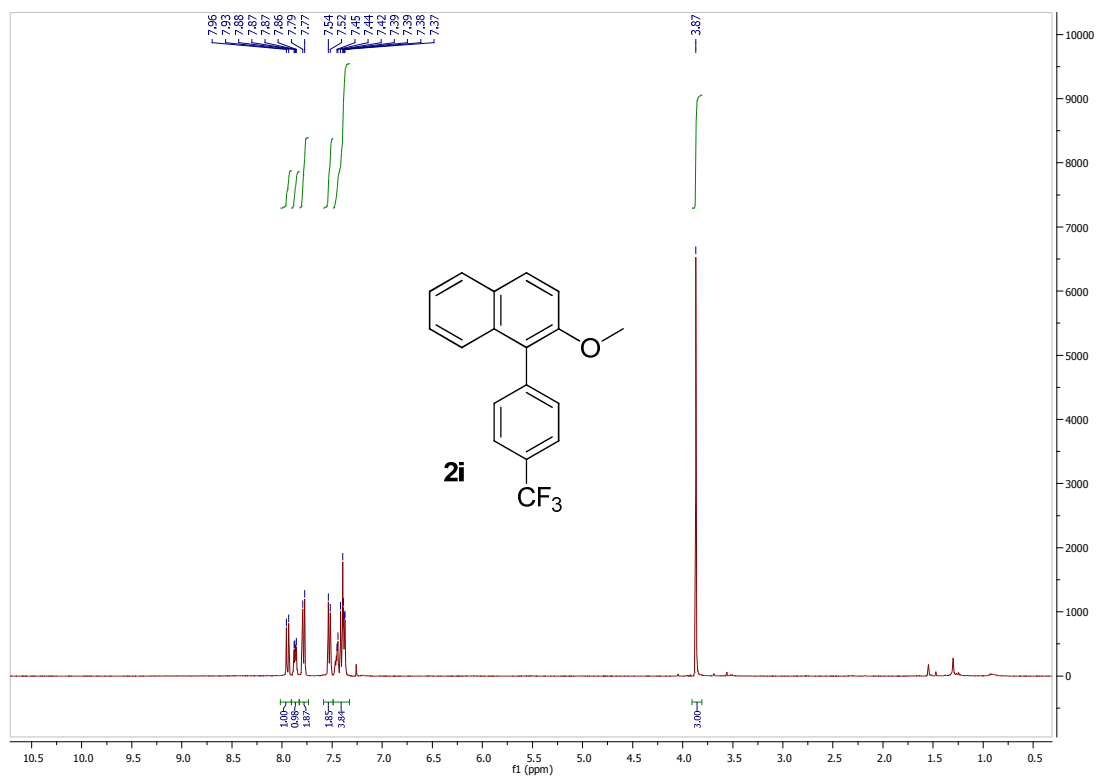












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